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Submit requests for Heavy Trash pick-up
before noon on Monday, the week of the pick-
up at (936) 294-5796.

Visit us online at
www.huntsvilletx.gov for
more information!

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Vendor Show - March 19

The City of Huntsville, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, the SHSU Small Business Development Center and Walker County will partner together as sponsors for the 17th Annual Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Vendor Show.

The HUB/Vendor Show will be held in the Veterans Complex-Walker County Storm Shelter located at 455 State Highway 75 North, Huntsville, TX on Tuesday March 19, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sponsoring entities provide 70 tables free-of-charge for vendors. Staff from the sponsoring entities as well as from other state agencies, universities and surrounding local entities will visit with exhibitors throughout the morning.

Vendors are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with local and state agencies to showcase their products and services.

Set-up for the event will begin at 7:30 a.m. the day of the show, followed by a vendor training sessions to will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The training sessions will provide detailed information on how to do business with government entities.

Paul Gibson with the State Comptroller's office will present on doing business with the state and Billie Smith, City of Huntsville Purchasing Manager, will present on how to do business with the City of Huntsville. Following welcoming remarks at 9:30 a.m., the exhibitor session will begin and conclude at 12:30 p.m.

"The main objective of the show is to assist vendors in the Huntsville area on how to increase their customer base to include government entities," Smith said. "Each level of government has slightly different bidding requirements and this can be daunting to the vendors.

"During my presentation, I will be discussing bid compliance, bid submissions and the bid process."

Purchasers and end-users from the sponsoring entities will be on hand to allow the HUB's to showcase their products and services. These individuals include Sharon Schultz, HUB Director with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Robert Barragan, Director of the SHSU Small Business Development Center; SHSU HUB Coordinator Bob Chapa; and Walker County Purchasing Agent Mike Williford.

"While there will be no charge for booth space or to attend any part of the event, there will only be space for 70 vendors for this year's show, so be sure to register early," Smith said. Vendors from all across the state attend each year therefore the tables fill quickly.

For more information feel free to contact Billie Smith at (936) 291-5495, or to register your company for booth space, please call Lani Maness, with TDCJ HUB Coordinator at (936) 437-7061.

City of Huntsville: Purchasing Services

The City's Web site features important information for potential vendors. From the home page, www.huntsvilletx.gov, scroll over "Departments" in the top bar, then "Finance" in the drop down menu, then select "Purchasing." Also on the home page, users can also scroll over "Doing Business" and select "Bids and RFP's" to get information about bid notifications, registration and other areas.

For more information, contact Purchasing Manager Billie Smith at (936) 291-5495 or bsmith@huntsvilletx.gov.



Photo by Jamie Matthews

The Sam Houston Statue Visitor Center and Gift Shop is embarking upon a major milestone of celebrating the "millionth person" to sign the guestbook. On February 15, the City of Huntsville Tourism and Cultural Services Department held a kick-off event to build momentum until the millionth visitor arrives, with the immediate goal of drawing an additional 7,000 visitors by National Tourism Week, May 4-12, 2013. For more information, visit: www.samhoustonstatueonemillionthvisitor.com

MARCH

23rd

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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SPONSORED BY THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Meet @ the Gazebo on the Courthouse Lawn

PRIZE DRAWINGS EVERY HOUR

Fun & helpful way to earn community service hours

For more information contact Jessica at 936-295-2150



Save the date!

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Sam Houston State University

Performing Arts Center

1900 Avenue I, Suite 200

Registration: 7 a.m. • Event: 8 a.m.

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Condoleezza Rice - Video Interview

Register now! Tickets are available for \$50 until March 15, and will be sold for \$65 beginning March 16.

Tickets are available online at www.chickfilaleadercast.com.

From the home page, click "Attend," search "Huntsville, TX," then select the Performing Arts Center site. A link will appear to allow ticket purchases.

Sponsorships are also available!

For more information, contact:

Dr. Kristy Vienne @ klv002@shsu.eduRebekah Filson @ rif001@shsu.edu

Call (936) 294-2274, or visit

http://www.shsu.edu/~slo_stdss/leadercast/index.html

Welcome home

NSP program recipient receives keys to remodeled home

Utilizing funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the City of Huntsville has completed the remodeling and construction of 12 local homes, and February 13 marked the closing of the first home.

The homes, provided as part of the TDHCA Neighborhood Stabilization Program, are located throughout the Huntsville area and seven remain available for purchase to low-to moderate-income families.

"The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides funding for the remodeling and/or construction of homes which become available for purchase to low- or moderate-income families," said Dr. Sherry McKibben, Community Development Specialist. "We're very excited to see a worthy family able to purchase this home with assistance from the City and the State.

"As an example, a family of four would qualify for the program if their income were \$62,050 or less. If you believe your family could be eligible to purchase an NSP home, contact Lindsey Owings at (936) 291-5459 to learn more."



Photo by Lindsey Owings

Desiree Fails (second from right), receives keys to remodeled home. Mayor Mac Woodward (far right), City Manager Matt Benoit (back left), and City Council member Lydia Montgomery (back, second from left), attended the ribbon cutting, as well several members of Fail's family.



6th Annual Electronic Recycling Day

April 6, 2013

City of Huntsville Disposal-Recycling Facility

590 Interstate 45 North - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Acceptable Items:

- Laptops/Notebooks
- Printers / Scanners
- Copiers/Projectors
- Stereos, radios
- Computer Accessories
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Telecommunication /Networking Equipment
- Cell Phones / Pagers / Cameras
- PDA / Palm Pilots
- Vehicle Batteries
- Plasma Screens / LCD/ LED Screens

For more information, please call Solid Waste & Recycling Services at 936-294-5743.

Event sponsored by:



March events at Wynne Home to include Festival Inspiración, Art Break

The Wynne Home Arts Center has several events coming up in March for residents of all ages. Festival Inspiración and Art Break – an Arts and Theater Camp – will be held from March 4 to 16. Art Break, which will take place from March 11 through 16, will feature events specifically for children ages six to 14. The events will be held at the Wynne Home Arts Center and Old Town Theater.

On Monday, March 4, volunteer and program coordinator Tamara Chasteen will offer a marbling class for all ages, where participants will marble paper for scrapbooking and collage. Then, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., participants are invited to participate in the exhibit opening, reception and book signing with Chilean guest artist and children's book illustrator Paula Vásquez. Vásquez will speak briefly at 5:30 and sign a children's book with her illustrations throughout the evening.

On March 5, participants age 13 and above are invited to collage with Vasquez. From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., she will work with students to create a collage in her multi-media style. On Wednesday evening, Ms. Vásquez will participate in the University's symphony orchestra presentation of "Carnival of the Animals," where her collages and those of local school children will be featured. The reception is at 5:00 p.m. and the performance is at 6:00 p.m. at the Gaertner Performing Arts Center on the SHSU campus.

"Like Water for Chocolate," an award-winning film, will be screened for adults only at the Wynne Home Arts Center at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6.

Two classes will be offered from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 for participants ages 10 and above. The first, led by Chasteen, will focus on piñata making before the March 16 Latin Arts Market and Celebration. The second, led by Vasquez, will focus on collaging.

Guests of all ages are welcome on March 8 for the Vaya con Dios brunch, featuring an overview of collage workshops with Vasquez.

From March 11 to 16, a special event for children ages six to 14 will also be offered – the Art Break Theater and Arts Camp. During the event, guest artist and storyteller Rick Brown will produce and direct two children's musicals. The performances will be held at the Latin Arts Market and Celebration on March 16.

During the same time frame, participants will create pottery and will have choices between dance, guitar and book binding and collage for three different arts.

The final event of Festival Inspiración, the Latin Arts Market and Celebration, will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Beginning at noon, hands-on arts, crafts, games, performances and piñata-breaking will be offered for guests of all ages. A magic show with "The Great Arebeski," Artist Rick Brown, will begin at 5 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., street dance with Xtremo Norte will conclude the evening.

All Festival Inspiración events that are held at the Wynne Home, as well as the Latin Arts Market and Celebration,



Photo by Kristin Edwards

Volunteer, program coordinator Tamara Chasteen at the fourth annual Empty Bowls Soup Luncheon, benefitting Meals on Wheels of Walker County.

are free to the public. The fees for Art Break vary depending on amount of participation. Contact the Wynne Home Arts Center for more information at (936) 291-5424.

Spring art classes

Children ages five and up are also eligible to participate in Spring art classes at the Wynne Home. Registration for the classes opens March 1, and classes will begin March 18.

For more information, call the Wynne Home at (936) 291-5424, email wintern@huntsvilletx.gov or visit www.thewynnehome.com. Also check out www.shsu.edu/academics/music/festival-inspiracion.

Empty Bowls Luncheon a Success

The Friends of the Wynne hosted another successful Empty Bowls Soup Luncheon in February, resulting in over \$1,000 for Meals on Wheels of Walker County.

According to Chasteen, the fourth annual fundraiser - which was held on February 12 at the Wynne Home Arts Center - was attended by over 60 guests.

"I couldn't have been more pleased with the turnout," Chasteen said. "There was no way to put on an event like that without help of many, many people, and I had that, so it was a great experience."